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SUBJECT: SPECIAL ENVOY EXPLAINS ALGERIA'S STAND ON SPANISH SHAHARA

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING, MOHAMED KELLOU, IS IN SRI LANKA AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE TO EXPLAIN ALGERIA'S POSITION ON WESTERN SAHARA, AND TO DELIVER PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM BOUMEDIENE TO PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE WHICH HE DID DURING CALL ON HER NOVEMBER 18.

2. ALGERIAN POSITION, ACCORDING TO REPORTS, IS THAT ALGERIA HAS NO TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO WESTERN SAHARA AND FAVORED DE-COLONIZATION THROUGH PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY UN AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES. SPECIAL EMPHASIS WAS REPORTEDLY GIVEN TO SEPTEMBER 1973 ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT RESOLUTION, WHICH STRESSED REAL SELF-DETERMINATION, AND AUGUST 1975 LIMA NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTER'S DECLARATION WHICH CALLED FOR NO ACTION UNTIL UNGA TOOK POSITION ON

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MATTER BASED ON OPINION OF INTERNATIONAL COURT OF

JUSTICE.

3. MDFA SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT PRESS ACCOUNTS ARE ACCURATE BUT TOLD EMBOFF THAT ALGERIAN ENVOY HAD ACTUALLY COME TO SRI LANKA IN CONNECTION WITH ALGERIAN INITIATIVE REGARDING MOROCCAN MARCH INTO SPANISH SAHARA. WHEN MARCH WAS CALLED OFF, ENVOY HAD NO BRIEF OTHER THAN REITERATION OF BASIC ALGERIAN POSITION LEAVING LITTLE SUBSTANCE FOR TALKS. KELLOU, IN PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER MEETING WITH PM, SAID SHE STATED SRI LANKA'S CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF UNGA RESOLUTION 1514 OF 1960 WHICH ENUNCIATED PRINCIPLE OF DE-COLONIZATION AND RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF ALL PEOPLES. PRESS ALSO REPORTS PRIME MINISTER IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD KELLOW THAT SPAIN, ALGERIA, MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA, TOGETHER WITH SAHARANS SHOULD WORK OUT LASTING, PEACEFUL SOLUTION UNDER UN AUSPICES. PERKINS

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